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Honorable Sir or Madam,

I believe that the proposed settlement fails to adequately punish Microsoft for their repeated predatory and anti-competitive behavior.

MicroSoft already has a majority share of the Operating System install-base, yet they have a long history of engaging in scare tactics and other threat-based means to PREVENT hardware vendors from the following:

- 1) bundling non-Microsoft OS environments
(such as OS/2 or Linux)
- 2) bundling non-Microsoft browsers
(such as Netscape)
- 3) bundling non-Microsoft multi-media support applications (such as RealAudio)
- 4) placing icons / menu-picks for non-Microsoft internet services in prominent locations on the desktop and start menus.

By preventing a hardware vendor from exercising discretion RE: which OS and components to bundle, Microsoft has, in effect, limited consumer choice and all but driven third-party software and service vendors out of the market.

Regards,
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